

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~An at least five layered, biaxially oriented, shrinkable and sealable~~ A tubular film for packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs, characterized in that comprising at least five layers wherein each of the first four layers, counted from the inside to the outside, consists of at least one polyolefin and/or modified polyolefin, and that these layers are followed by one layer or more layers based on polyvinylidene chloride copolymer and/or polyamide and/or ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer and/or polyolefin and/or modified polyolefin.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first layer consists of homopolymers of ethylene or propylene and/or copolymers of linear  $\alpha$ -olefins having 2 to 8 C atoms.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefins of the first layer ~~preferably~~ consist of linear low-density polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, polypropylene homopolymers, polypropylene block copolymers and polypropylene random copolymers.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first layer consists of at least one polyethylene produced using a metallocene catalyst.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first layer includes modified polyolefins, said modified polyolefins being

copolymers of ethylene or propylene and optionally further linear  $\alpha$ -olefins having 3 to 8 C atoms with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids, preferably acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and/or metal salts thereof and/or alkyl esters thereof, and/or graft copolymers of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, preferably maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, and anhydrides, esters, amides or imides thereof on polyolefins or polyolefin copolymers.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first layer consists of a polyolefin and/or modified polyolefin with a melting point of 70-130°C, a density of 0.86-0.98 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and a melt index of 0.2-15 g/10 min.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the third layer consists of homopolymers of ethylene or propylene and/or copolymers of linear  $\alpha$ -olefins having 2 to 8 C atoms.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefins of the third layer preferably consist of linear low-density polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, polypropylene homopolymers, polypropylene block copolymers and polypropylene random copolymers.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the second layer and the fourth layer consist of polyolefins and/or modified polyolefins.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 9, ~~characterized~~  
~~in that~~ wherein the polyolefins are homopolymers of ethylene or propylene and/or  
copolymers of linear  $\alpha$ -olefins having 2 to 8 C atoms.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 9, ~~characterized~~  
~~in that~~ wherein the modified polyolefins are copolymers of ethylene or propylene and  
optionally further linear  $\alpha$ -olefins having 3 to 8 C atoms with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic  
acids, preferably acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and/or metal salts thereof and/or alkyl esters  
thereof, and/or graft copolymers of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, preferably maleic  
acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, or anhydrides, esters, amides or imides thereof on  
polyolefins or polyolefin copolymers.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized~~  
~~in that~~ wherein the layer or one of the layers following the first four layers consists of  
polyvinylidene copolymer constituted of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride and/or  
methacrylate monomers, the proportion of vinylidene chloride being at least 50%.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized~~  
~~in that~~ wherein the layer or one of the layers following the first four layers consists of a  
homopolyamide and/or copolyamide or mixtures of such polyamides which are produced  
from monomers selected from the group consisting of caprolactam, laurilactam,  $\omega$ -  
aminoundecanoic acid, adipic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, decanedicarboxylic acid,  
dodecanedicarboxylic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, tetraethylenediamine,  
pentaethylenediamine, hexamethylenediamine, octamethylenediamine, ~~and~~  
xylylenediamine and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the layer or one of the layers following the first four layers consists of ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer, characterized in that the proportion of ethylene is between 27 and 48 mole-%, preferably between 34 and 48 mole-%.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the layer or one of the layers following the first four layers consists of blends of ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer ~~according to claim 14~~ and polyamide ~~according to claim 13~~.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the layer or one of the layers following the first four layers consists of a polyolefin and/or a modified polyolefin or blends of the above polymers with each other.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefins are homopolymers of ethylene or propylene and/or copolymers of linear  $\alpha$ -olefins having 2 to 8 C atoms.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the modified polyolefins are copolymers of ethylene or propylene and optionally further linear  $\alpha$ -olefins having 3 to 8 C atoms with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids, preferably acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and/or metal salts thereof and/or alkyl esters thereof, and/or graft copolymers of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, preferably

maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, and anhydrides, esters, amides or imides thereof on polyolefins or polyolefin copolymers.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the tubular film has been subjected to coextrusion and biaxial stretching.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the tubular film has been subjected to coextrusion, biaxial stretching and subsequent heat-setting.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the tubular film has a wall thickness of from 30 to 120  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably from 40 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of the tubular film according to any of claims 1 to 21~~ A method for packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs comprising packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs with the tubular film as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A bag, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said bag is produced from a tubular film according to ~~any of claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1 by welding or sealing the inner layer on itself.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of the bag produced according to claim 23~~ A method for packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs comprising packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs with the bag as claimed in claim 23.

Claim 25 (New): A tubular film as claimed in claim 1 wherein said tubular film is biaxially oriented, shrinkable and sealable.

Claim 26 (New): A food wrap comprising the tubular film as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 27 (New): A food package comprising the tubular film as claimed in claim 1.